



## **Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**

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### **Lipscomb Hails Supervisors' Adoption of Balanced Budget** *Budget Cuts Spending, Reduces Tax Levy, Halves Wheel Tax*

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed the 2017 Milwaukee County Budget Monday by a vote of 11 to 7. The amended budget now goes to Milwaukee County Executive for his signature and possible vetoes.

"Supervisors have listened to our constituents' concerns and passed a balanced budget that reduces spending, in order to cut County Executive Abele's proposed wheel tax in half and to cut his proposed property tax increase," said Chairman Lipscomb.

The amended budget slashes County Executive Abele's proposed \$60 vehicle registration fee (VRF) in half, to \$30, and reduces his proposed tax levy increase to \$291,077,828.00, resulting in a 1.43% increase over the current levy.

The budget establishes a dedicated source of funding for Milwaukee County's transit system, and calls for legislative changes to allow a more progressive vehicle registration fee such as one that considers the value and age of the vehicle.

As part of the budget, supervisors adopted an amendment placing a wheel tax advisory referendum on the April 2017 general election ballot, which provides County Executive Abele an opportunity to sell his \$60 wheel tax proposal to the public.

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